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# HALE AHI NEWS

## NEW HFD QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday, January 1, 2003  
New Year's Day
- Monday, January 20, 2003  
Dr. Martin Luther King Day
- Thursday, February 6, 2003  
Retirees' Luncheon  
Training Center, 8:00 a.m.
- Saturday, February 15, 2003  
HFD Credit Union Dinner  
Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel  
5:00 p.m. Business Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Dinner
- Monday, February 17, 2003  
Presidents' Day
- Friday, February 21, 2003  
HFD Retirement Dinner  
Pacific Beach Hotel  
6:00 - 9:30 pm
- Saturday, March 8, 2003  
Fireman's Fund Dinner  
Willows Restaurant, 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 26, 2003  
Prince Kuhio Day

This is the first issue of the new Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) Newsletter "HALE AHI NEWS." The purpose of this newsletter is to promote increased clarity and interest in HFD concerns, programs, employees, and messages.

The Message Committee was organized as a result of a Chief Officers' workshop facilitated by Glenn Furuya of "Leadership Works." The committee, composed of the following members: Assistant Chief Wayne Nojiri, Battalion Chiefs Eric Adams, James Arciero, Peter Gaskell, Captains Alex Akana, Nathan Ramos, and Edward Simeona, decided on producing a newsletter as a means to improve communication within the department.

This newsletter is slated to be published on a quarterly basis with distribution to civilian and uniformed HFD personnel and retirees.

### LEADERSHIP LESSONS - THE PHOENIX FIRE DEPARTMENT WAY

All supervisors and leaders in the Department should share their expectations up front with people for whom they are responsible and stress the accountability of each member. Those expectations need to be realistic and in concert with the overall expectations of the Department. There should be no doubt as to what is expected regarding behavior and performance. Leaders must remember that if they condone a particular



Air 1 at Waianae Brush Fire - August 2002

With this program in its infancy, suggestions and ideas as to the content of this newsletter are welcome. We are also seeking volunteers to assist with submission of articles, photos, and the layout and publishing of this newsletter. Volunteers may submit their names, articles, and

ideas to Battalion Chief Eric Adams at the HFD Fire Communication Center via email at [eadams@co.honolulu.hi.us](mailto:eadams@co.honolulu.hi.us).

Should you have any questions, he may be reached at 523-4305.

unacceptable act or substandard performance, they will most likely see it again in the future. Someone once said, "If you condone it, you own it."

Another important element of effective leadership in the Department is effective "followership." Every leader is a follower in some other Departmental group, function, or relationship. It is hard to sustain

a reputation as an effective leader when you are an ineffective follower. Place a high level of importance on followership, and don't do things to your boss or leaders that you wouldn't want people you're responsible for (your followers) to do to you. These roles are extremely important in the overall scheme of things organizationally, and should not be taken lightly, or for granted.





**PRIDE, SERVICE,  
DEDICATION**

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## **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Honolulu Fire Department is to respond to fires, emergency medical incidents, hazardous materials incidents, and rescues on land and sea to save lives, property, and the environment. We accomplish this mission by:

- Promoting safety and maintaining a well equipped, highly trained, and motivated force of professional fire fighters and rescue personnel.
- Promoting fire prevention and other public safety education programs.

## **Vision Statement**

The Honolulu Fire Department will continuously strive to meet the changing needs of our community by providing a modern and technologically advanced department. We will do this by maintaining a high level of readiness and by focusing on the professional development and training of all our personnel.

# FROM THE FIRE CHIEF ...

**A**loha and welcome to the inaugural issue of the Honolulu Fire Department's (HFD) "Hale Ahi News." This quarterly newsletter allows us to update our members, both active and retired, on the activities of the HFD. I want to thank the Message Committee for spearheading this project and all the volunteers that have made this possible. Over the next few issues, there will be revisions as we make adjustments to the newsletter, so please feel free to submit your comments and suggestions.

Last year the HFD celebrated 150 years of service to the citizens of the City and County of Honolulu, making us the oldest fire department west of the Rocky Mountains. We are proud of the legacy left by those before us and hope to carry on this proud tradition.

Together, we have accomplished so much in recent years. In 2000, we became one of only 50 fire departments in the nation to receive accreditation from the Commission on Fire Accreditation International.



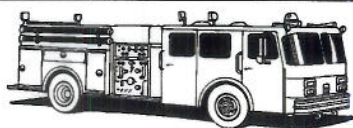
This accreditation acknowledges that our Department has met or exceeds national standards. An EMT-B bridge medical training program was developed to systematically upgrade the emergency medical training of the Department's workforce. The first Candidate Physical Ability Test, developed by the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the International Association of Fire Fighters, was conducted this past September and is an evaluation system in the initial step of screening fire fighter applicants to ensure that all fire fighter candidates possess the physical ability to perform

the critical tasks of a fire fighter. We also have purchased several computers for each station, infrared cameras, state-of-the-art fire apparatuses, a second helicopter, upgraded safety equipment, and have provided numerous training programs for our members.

We have taken great strides, however, being a progressive department, we have a lot more to accomplish. We are developing the certification program, pursuing 9-11 weapons of mass destruction issues, and working towards further enhancing our mandatory physical fitness and wellness program. We must also be prepared for new issues and challenges as they arrive.

Our goal is simple - to make the HFD the best fire department with highly trained and motivated fire fighters and to be recognized as the experts in our field.

We can all be proud of our past accomplishments and must continue to move ahead. May you and your family have a safe and happy holiday season!



## ***TOP RUNS***

**JANUARY 2002 -  
SEPTEMBER 2002**

### ***ENGINES***

E42	850
E1	823
E28	745
E3	675
E10	670
E16	667
E32	630
E6	620

### ***LADDERS***

L2	1163
L7	819
Q12	764
Q26	727
L17	653
L4	596
L5	451
L30	450

### ***BCs***

BN. 1	339
BN. 2	271
BN. 5	259
BN. 4	250
BN. 3	196

## **1ST LINE OF RESPONSE FIRE SAFETY CAMPAIGN**

**T**he Hawaii State Fire Council, in collaboration with KGMB-TV, State Farm Insurance, and Market City Shopping Center, has teamed with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's United States Fire Administration in creating the "1st Line of Response," a first ever, comprehensive statewide fire safety program to increase public awareness and the understanding of a variety of current fire safety issues. Topics include evacuation planning, early warning devices such as smoke

alarms, electrical and kitchen safety, matches and lighter safety, candle safety, and fire department response to medical emergencies. These concepts were established based on information gained through research via the National Fire Protection Association, United States Fire Administration, as well as our local Fire Investigations branch.

This type of "cutting edge" public education program involving public/private partnerships is the model that the National Fire

Academy has been advocating for some time now. This statewide fire safety program reached an audience base far surpassing any other method of educating the public, and resulted in a long lasting partnership with a few businesses in our own community with no cost to the State. Copies of the safety guide are available at all Satellite City Halls, State Farm Insurance, KGMB-TV, and at the Market City Shopping Center. For more information, please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 831-7764.



# TAKING UP



**ASSISTANT CHIEF**  
**KENNETH WORD**

**Entry Date:** February 16, 1964. Resigned Sept. 1968—Re-entered Aug. 1971

**Retirement Date:** December 1, 2002

**Assignments:** L2, E25, E23, E15, E27, T15, E34, E23, E2, L7, E3, E7, Ad. Services, FPB, Bn. 1, Bn. 2, Bn. 1, Fire 5.

**Likes about the Fire Department:**

Along with the camaraderie and great friendships is the self-satisfaction after doing a good job (and the meals were pretty good, too)!

**Will miss about the Fire Department:**

The fellowship will continue at another level, but I will miss being part of a team and in a position to make a difference.

**Plans for the future:**

In addition to doing some volunteer work, and maybe teaching, I plan to "make the ball go far" and get my handicap down.

**Words of wisdom:**

To paraphrase my first Chief, nicknamed "The Bear," whether you fight a big fire or save someone's life, or scrub the toilet and mop the floor, it is your job, you do it with pride and humility and you should not expect recognition or reward.

**What got you interested in the fire service:**

Kimo Hollinger and Dodd Balock encouraged me to take the HFD entrance exam back in the 60's when we used to surf and paddle a lot. I was working construction and didn't have a clue what being a fireman (as it was called back then) was all about.

**Who or what made an influence in your career?**

The "old-timers." From the first day we reported to Waikiki Fire Station for training (on weekends, on our own time, and with no pay), every "old-timer" I have learned from and worked with throughout my career has influenced me in some way. There is not enough room to name them all. They were the best. And they have given all of us something to live up to.



**BATTALION CHIEF**  
**WARREN HO**

**Entry Date:** February 1, 1961

**Retirement Date:** December 1, 2002

**Assignments:** E26, E6, E31, E2, CA1, E2, L2, R1, E2, L12, E9, E7, IG, Bn. 1, Bn. 2, Bn. 3, Bn. 2, Bn. 3, Bn. 2.

**Likes about the Fire Department:**

I have always loved the challenges and excitement of the job. Being able to control a situation where lives and property are at risk is the ultimate high.

**Will miss about the Fire Department:**

I will miss coming to work early and running the battalion.

**Plans for the future:**

I have some cruises lined up (Tahiti-April 03, Canada, East Coast-04), exercise, remodel home, learn guitar, yoga, tai chi, golf and more golf.

**Words of wisdom:**

I always tell firefighters to always be ready for the next step.

**What got you interested in the fire service:**

My dad was a fire fighter, so I saw the "life" up close and decided early in my life to make it my career.

**Who or what made an influence in your career?**

A few fire fighters had an impact in my life by the lessons I learned. These are names of the past, and I still remember them:

E6 Albert Bright taught me how to be a good fire fighter.

E2 Captain Hank Miji taught me how to care for fire fighters.

E1 Captain Bobby Kruse taught me about discipline.

Assistant Chief Frank Kahoonohano taught me how to be a better Battalion Chief.



**BATTALION CHIEF**  
**JOHN COE**

**Entry Date:** April 1, 1969

**Retirement Date:** October 1, 2002

**Assignments:** E11, E16, E6, L12, CA-BN. 4, T15, R2, E12, E24, L16, T16, E26, E14, E10, E12, E36, E38, Bn. 4, Ad. Services, Bn. 4, **RETIRED**

**Likes about the Fire Department:**

I've always enjoyed the camaraderie that exists within our department, the "Ohana" that you can't find anywhere else. The everyday challenges we all face dealing with the trivial to the catastrophic.

**Will miss about the Fire Department:**

Mostly I'll miss working with my friends, uniform and civilian, people that have supported me throughout the years.

**Plans for the future:**

Right now I plan to play a little golf, do a little traveling and try to avoid the "Honey Do" list.

**Words of wisdom:**

"Enjoy the journey," from complete boredom to the most exhilarating moments! Man...what a trip.

**What got you interested in the fire service:**

My brother's friend was a fire fighter and he kept bragging about how good the HFD was. Well, I figured if it was that good I might as well join up.

**Who or what made an influence in your career?**

There isn't any one person or event but a combination of people and events along the way that contributed with influencing my career. How could I ever forget Ad Services. Deadlines, deadlines, deadlines.....





## RECIPE

### SEAFOOD CIOPPINO

(Eric Adams)

- 1 large onion, diced
- 1 bunch green onion, chopped
- 1 large green bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/3 cup chopped parsley
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1 can (16 oz.) tomato puree
- 16 oz. water
- 1 can (8 oz.) tomato sauce
- 8 oz. red wine  
(Chianti, burgundy, merlot)
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 tsp. rosemary
- 1/2 tsp. thyme
- 1/2 tsp. oregano
- Salt and pepper to taste

In a 6 to 8 quart pan, combine oil, onions, garlic, bell pepper, and parsley. Cook over medium heat, stirring often until onion soft (about 5 minutes).

Add spices, tomato puree, tomato sauce, water, and wine. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover, and simmer for 20 minutes.

**Add seafood** (any combination of 3-4 types; i.e., 2 lbs. King crab, 2 lbs. shrimp (shell on), 3-4 lbs. clams).

Other seafood may also be added such as firm cubes of fish, scallops, mussels, etc.

Cover and simmer until clams pop open and shrimp are opaque.

Ladle broth and shellfish into large bowls. Serve with French or sour dough bread and a glass of wine.

# FIRE OPERATIONS

ASSISTANT CHIEF CHARLES WASSMAN

In November, the First Annual Operations Skills Challenge was held at the HFD Training Center. The competition consisted of five events: Auto Extrication, Medical Operations, Decon Operations, Apparatus Rodeo, and the Obstacle Course.

Companies were selected for the individual events by a lottery drawing held at the beginning of November.

Prizes were awarded for the Best Overall for each event, Best of Platoon, and Most Outstanding Battalion.



AC Wassman in Action

## AUTO EXTRICATION:

1st Plt. 2nd Plt. 3rd Plt.

E 14/1 TW40/2 E21/3

**Overall Winner—TW40/2**

Capt. J. Whalen, FF3 J. Pacheco, FFs M. Takahashi, D. Nagaji, C. Powell

## TECHNICAL DECON:

1st Plt. 2nd Plt. 3rd Plt.

E40/1 E11/2 E7/3

**Overall Winner—E40/1**

A/Capt. S. Hee, FFs M. Webster, R. Romero, W. Furukawa, D. Iwamoto

## MEDICAL SCENARIO

1st Plt. 2nd Plt. 3rd Plt.

E33/1 E23/2 Q31/3

**Overall Winner—E23/2**

Capt. J. Coito, FF3 N. Alameda, FFs R. Kuge, C. Rigsbee, C. Morita

## APPARATUS RODEO

1st Plt. 2nd Plt. 3rd Plt.

E24/1 E1/2 E40/3

**Overall Winner—E24/1**

Capt. W. Faullconer, FF3 L. Limasa, FFs K. Marrero, F. Motas, A. Au Hoy

## OBSTACLE COURSE

1st Plt. 2nd Plt. 3rd Plt.

Q12/1 E38/2 E42/3

**Overall Winner—Q12/1**

Capt. K. Wilmington, FF3 B. Shimizu, FFs S. Yanke, C. Uchimura, T. Fujimoto

## BEST OF PLATOON

**Battalion 4/1**

**Battalion 1/2**

**Battalion 2/3**

## Most Outstanding Battalion

**Battalion 4/1 (BC Camara)**

Congratulations to BC Camara for putting forth the effort in preparing your personnel.

A special thanks to BC Suzuki and his Driver Trainers (Capt. B. Chang, FF3s G. Medeiros, C. Ah Soon). Special Mahalo to BCs W. Kaai and J. Perkins, and Capts. E. Simeona and S. Mosher for their daily assistance.

Thanks also to FCC and FPB for their participation in the obstacle course.

Mahalo to all for stepping up to the plate to make a difference and raise the bar.

## TRAINING BUREAU-BC EDMUND SUZUKI

The inaugural issue of the Hale Ahi newsletter finds the Honolulu Fire Department with over 150 years of rich history. The Department, envisioned by a king, has grown to over 1,100 personnel and has been managed by progressive fire chiefs.

We have seen the growth of the Training and Research Bureau (TRB) from its home at various fire stations to the Waterfront Fire Station in the 1970s and

finally to its present location on Valkenburg Street. The focus of the TRB has expanded from basic fire fighting to include Emergency Medical Technician—Basic, HazMat Operations and Technician Level, Apparatus Operations, Lifesaving, Driver Training, Weapons of Mass Destruction, and many other types of training.

The TRB continues to maintain its programs and develop new training in an effort to provide

the Department's members with the most current training available. The future of the HFD and TRB will find the implementation of nationally recognized certification-based training, expanded training to include live structural burns using environmentally safe propane, a new state-of-the-art training facility, and new programs to maintain a highly trained fire fighting force of men and women.

## WORLD FIRE GAMES—NEW ZEALAND

FF3 Asa Tanaka of Rescue 1/3 attended the 7th Annual World Fire Games, which was held in Christchurch, New Zealand from October 26 through November 2, 2002. He was the lone representative from the Honolulu Fire Department.

Asa medalled in five swimming events, winning four gold and one silver. The Gold medals were in the 50 (35:22) and 100 (1:20:69) meter

backstroke, and the 50 (33:23) and 100 (1:22:43) meter butterfly. His silver medal came in the freestyle relay in which he teamed up with representatives from Japan, France, and Spain. Congratulations Asa!

The upcoming World Police and Fire Games will be held in Barcelona, Spain on July 27-August 3, 2003.





# FIRE PREVENTION

## BC KENNETH SILVA

In the past few years, there have been a disturbing number of fire deaths and injuries occurring on campuses throughout the country.

For example, a fraternity house fire on May 12, 1996, at UNC-Chapel Hill, killed five students. Three others, forced to jump from a third story window due to a flame engulfed stairwell, were seriously injured.

At Seton Hall University, an early morning dormitory fire on January 19, 2000, killed three students and injured 58 others. Residents reacted slowly to the fire alarm thinking that it was another one of the 18 false alarms set in the previous four months.

Finally, on March 10, 2000, fire swept through a dormitory at Motufoua High School in the South Pacific nation of Tuvalu killing 18 teenage girls and a matron. A student's candle is believed to have toppled over in the sleeping quarters causing the fire. The victims were locked inside their dormitory and could not escape when the fire broke out.

To prevent similar traged-

ies from occurring here in Honolulu, the Fire Prevention Bureau implemented a special program three years ago for school administrators entitled, "A Meeting of the Minds" and for student residents entitled "Get Out and Stay Alive." Collectively, it is referred to as "Campus Fire Safety 101." This is a fire safety presentation based on information gathered from the United States Fire Administration and the National Association of State Fire Marshals.

Inspector Bill Melemai has coordinated these one to two and one-half hour presentations for the FPB Education Section, tailoring them to address unique concerns raised by individual administrators and student residents.

Topics include fire prevention techniques, emergency evacuation procedures, fire sprinkler efficacy, and a discussion of common causes of student residential fires. Powerpoint sample presentations can be viewed on the HFD Intranet.

The following schools have had the presentation and continue to participate in these sessions:



University of Hawaii at Manoa  
Chaminade University  
Hawaii Pacific University  
Brigham Young University  
Tokai University Pacific Center  
Mid-Pacific Institute  
Kamehameha Schools  
Saint Francis School  
Hawaiian Mission Academy  
Hawaii Job Corps  
Intercultural Communication College

The response from participants has been positive with many expressing appreciation for the informative and relevant nature of the presentations.

## CISM

### "CISM and HFD"

#### What is CISM?

CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management) is an emergency personnel support service provided for fire employees by the Department and is initiated when employees have been exposed to a critical incident. Critical incidents are defined as situations with sufficient impact to overcome an employee's normal coping abilities and which may interfere with his or her ability to function either at the scene or later.

Critical incidents that require immediate CISM response are: Serious injuries, deaths or suicides of any fire employee, major disasters, mass casualties and/or multiple fatalities, incidents in which the victim is a family member or is known to the fire employee, and all incidents for which requests are made by an Incident Commander.

The purpose of CISM is to reduce the impact of a critical incident and to accelerate the recovery of employees and their families who are suffering from "normal reactions to an abnormal event."

## COMMUNITY PROJECT

### FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE IN GRAFFITI ERADICATION

This letter is to express our appreciation for help that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands recently received from a group of fire fighters from the 3rd Battalion, 3rd watch of the HFD.

Our special thanks go out to BC Clinton Wong for supporting the efforts of his firefighters to assist us in removing graffiti that was painted on

the former Coast Guard building which sits in Haiku Valley just below the Kaneohe side of the H-3 tunnel. The graffiti was an eyesore that was clearly visible to all those traveling on the H-3 freeway. Instrumental to this service project was FF3 Eric Capllonch who contacted us to get things rolling, organized the work group, picked up the paint and kept us informed through completion of the project on August 17, 2002. Our staff informed me that your fire fighters did an outstanding job.

Again, a big mahalo to the Honolulu Fire Department for its support and to those fire fighters who recognized the need and volunteered their time to resolve the graffiti problem.

Aloha,  
Raynard C. Soon, Chairman  
Hawaiian Homes Commission



## **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK DISPLAY**

The results of this year's Fire Prevention Week - "Team up for Safety" displays are :

### **1st Place Waianae Station**



### **2nd Place Central Station**



### **3rd Place Kuakini Station**



**Congratulations  
to the  
Winners!**

## **WAHIAWA STATION DEDICATION**

A dedication ceremony for the new Wahiawa Fire Station (Station 16) located at 640 California Avenue, was held on Wednesday, October 30, 2002, at 11:00 am.



**New Wahiawa Fire Station**

The original station was built in 1941 for \$33,594. It was demolished in August 2001, and reopened in September 2002, at a cost of \$1.8 million. Particular attention was given during the design phase to ensure that it would blend in with the existing buildings in downtown Wahiawa reflecting the plantation era. Improvements included enlarging the sleeping quarters, locker rooms, and bath

facilities. A decontamination room, work storage area, and air conditioning were also added.

Mayor Jeremy Harris and Fire Chief Attilio Leonardi spoke to the 300 invited guests attending the ceremony. A luncheon was provided by the station's personnel headed by the third platoon.



## **RETIREES' REALM**

The Honolulu Fire Department Retirees Association conducts quarterly meetings at the HFD Training Center. Meetings include guest speakers to address retiree issues such as changes to retirement benefits, legislative changes, etc.

Their most recent meeting was held on December 13, 2002, at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting will be held on March 14, 2003, at the Training Center.

The Association also holds social events, has a golf club, an annual luncheon, provides camaraderie, and is a support system during

times of need.

Dues are only \$5 per year. Send payments to "HFD Retirees Association" P.O. Box 27534, Hon., HI 96827.

Present officers of the Association are:

**President** - Donald Chang  
**Vice President** - Francis Aiu  
**Secretary** - Michael Zablan  
**Treasurer** - Melvin Mendonca  
**Board Of Directors:**

Hardy Akau, Peter Akiona, Gideon Awa, Frank Kahoo-hanohano, Tony Pascua, and August Range.

Due to numerous inquiries,

Chief Leonardi is making a one-time offer to those wishing to purchase a koa plaque with a mounted department badge. These are the same plaques that have been awarded to our retirees at the last few years' retirement ceremonies. Interested personnel should contact Fire 2's office at 831-7772. Prices, which do not include shipping, are as follows:

Fire Chief, Deputy Chief,	
Assistant Chief:	<b>\$134</b>
Battalion Chief:	<b>\$118</b>
Captain:	<b>\$101</b>
Member:	<b>\$ 75</b>

## **THE 2ND RETIREES' APPRECIATION DAY LUNCHEON—FEBRUARY 6, 2003**

The 2nd Retirees Appreciation Day Luncheon will be held on February 6, 2003, at the Charles H. Thurston Training Center at 890 Valkenburg Street. This event, which is free to all retirees and their spouses, will start at 8 a.m.

The half-day event will include an update of the Honolulu Fire Department, a display of new equipment and apparatus,

and a luncheon with the Fire Chief and his staff. Call Fire 2's office at 831-7772 to make reservations.

We are also updating our mailing list. Know of any retirees that have moved since retirement? Contact the Planning and Development Office at 831-7740 with their address and we will mail copies of the newsletter to them.

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**YEARBOOKS FOR  
SALE!**  
 150th Anniversary  
 Yearbooks  
**\$45**  
 Contact Fire 2's Office  
**831-7772**  
**LIMITED SUPPLY  
AVAILABLE**  
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## HAWAII FIRE FIGHTER'S COOK OFF

The first Hawaii Fire Fighter's Cook Off was held on October 26, 2002, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel's Lagoon Lawn. This event was held in conjunction with a documentary film "A Tribute to Hawaii's Fire Fighters" by Edgy Lee of FilmWorks Ltd.

Each contestant had a budget of \$25 and judging was based on plate presentation, taste, use of local products, and creativity.

Judges were chefs from Palomino, Sansei, Michel's, and various Hilton Hawaiian Village restaurants along with other local celebrities.

Ten contestants participated in the cook off. Kent Kam (E1), Ken-

neth Iki (E9), Ricci Naone (E36), Edmund Lee (FB), Geoffrey Shon (FCC), and Gifford Shon (FCC) from the Honolulu Fire Department; Stuart Domingo from State Crash (Hnl); Ross Ohigashi (E10) Maui County, Department of Fire Control; Dwayne Albano and Mason Chock from the Kauai Fire Department.

Four contestants advanced to the second round, and from these, the two semi-finalist, Kent Kam and Mason Chock, participated in the finals where they were given a secret ingredient, ala the "Iron Chef," in which to prepare their final creation. The secret ingredient was Kauai freshwater prawns. Mason



Kent  
Kam

E1/2

HFD  
Semi-  
finalist

Chock was declared the winner and received a round-trip vacation to Las Vegas.

The event was shown on KHON's Hawaii Kitchen on November 17 and 24, 2002.

Congratulations to all contestants for a job well done.



### HAWAIIAN VALUES

#### ALOHA

Treat people with dignity, respect, and kindness

#### 'OHANA

Emotional support given and received

#### KULEANA Responsibility

#### KŌKUA Help

#### LAULIMA Cooperation

#### 'IKE Recognition

#### HO'OPO- NOPONO

To set things right; discussion; resolution

#### LŌKAHI

Peace, unity, and harmony



## EMPLOYEE AWARDS

The 200 Club sponsored the Annual Fire Fighters Luncheon at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, Monarch Room, on October 23, 2002. Captain Glenn Solem of the Fire Prevention Bureau, Investigation Section, along with Captain Dennis Lewis of Station 25, 2nd platoon, were honored as Co-Employees of the Year.

Terry Raquedan, Personnel Assistant with Administrative Services, was honored as the Civilian Employee of the Year.

Battalion Chief Eric Adams of the Fire Communication Center was honored as the Department's Manager of the Year. Thirty one HFD members who achieved 25 years of service were also recognized.



SOLEM



LEWIS



RAQUEDAN



ADAMS

## HALE AHI NEWS OF YESTERDAY

SEPTEMBER 5, 1960 NO. 19 W.K. BLAISDELL, FIRE CHIEF

Bids for the construction of Engine 32's new quarters are slated to be opened on September 29th. The building to be constructed will be a combination Fire and Police Building.

The department has been studying the possibility of setting up a Training Center on ten acres of City-owned land in Halawa Valley. Also being considered is the moving to the same area of Departmental shops.

### LEADING CAUSES OF FIRE

	July 1959	July 1960
Careless Smoker	63	54
Rubbish	67	41
Automobile	9	30
Electrical	14	16
Children w/matches	20	13
Total Alarms	286	256
Total False Alarms	50	39
Total Fires	236	217
Total Fire Loss	\$48,388	\$85,865





## Station Profile

### **Central Fire Station**

104 South Beretania Street

### **ENGINE #1**

Station 1 was originally constructed at its present site in 1898. The present station, which was constructed in 1935, recently underwent a major renovation to improve the electrical and plumbing infrastructure, and central air conditioning was installed. A 1999 Pierce Quantum Engine is housed here, and it is also the headquarters for the Battalion 1 Chiefs.

Central Station's major response areas include abundant hi-rises in the city's financial and business district, waterfront commercial areas, residential homes in the Punchbowl area, Queen's Hospital, Central Intermediate and Royal Elementary Schools, and Chinatown.

There were 1,036 runs for the year 2001, including 522 medical calls.

## **ANNIVERSARIES OCTOBER TO DECEMBER**

### CONGRATULATIONS!



### **10 YEARS**

Rickey Amano  
Brian Chang  
Jon Faurot  
Brandon Fermantez  
Paul Fukuda  
Jeremy Kam  
Darrell Kong

Laurence Limasa Jr.  
Clayton Madrona  
Ryan Maeda  
Edward Millerd  
Douglas Moriguchi  
Mark Nakagawa  
Ricci Naone  
Jason Niimi  
Timothy Rapoza  
Craig Roberts  
Jeffrey Sanchez

Thomas Simon  
Gregg Stueber  
Edwin Tanguan  
Kelii Vannatta  
Andy Verke  
Henry Yokoyama  
Jimon You Jr.  
Sheryl Nakama

### **25 YEARS**

Calvin Saito

### **30 YEARS**

Byron Akiona  
Orville Kim  
Keith Meyer  
Francis Puana

## **CIVILIAN CORNER**

### **LYNETTE SHIM**

PERSONNEL CLERK -  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Aunty," as she is affectionately called, came to the HFD via the Department of Finance in 1987 when Fire Chief Frank Kahooanohano was in office. When asked what she liked best about the Department, she said that she likes the environment and feels that we work under good conditions. She enjoys her work and the people she comes in contact with.



Lynette has been married for 44 years, has 2 children, and 6 grandchildren. She loves attending sporting events and can be found at most UH football games! She often attends her grandchildren's sporting events as well. She enjoys her hula halau, learning new arts and crafts projects, and gallivanting!

Lynette processes workers compensation documents, service retirements, performance evaluations, including all initial probations, service awards, and other personnel matters. She is always willing to help wherever she can.

## **RETIREMENTS**

### **SEPTEMBER - 1**

**Phillip Fujimoto - Captain**

Jan. 24, 1977 - Sept. 1, 2002

**Ronald Bush - Fire Fighter 3**

Jan. 16, 1974 - Sept. 1, 2002

### **OCTOBER - 1**

**John Coe - Battalion Chief**

April 1, 1969 - Oct. 1, 2002

**Wayne Medeiros - Fire Fighter 3**

August 20, 1973 - Oct. 1, 2002

**Daniel Bishop - Fire Fighter 2**

August 1, 1977 - Oct. 1, 2002

### **NOVEMBER - 1**

**Gilbert Pelletier - Captain**

August 20, 1972 - Nov. 1, 2002

**Stanley Scholtz - Captain**

July 17, 1972 - Nov. 1, 2002

**Norman Kauwe - Fire Fighter I**

Feb. 1, 1973 - Nov. 1, 2002

### **DECEMBER - 1**

**Kenneth Word - Assistant Chief**

Feb. 16, 1964 - Dec. 1, 2002

**Warren Ho - Battalion Chief**

Feb. 1, 1961 - Dec. 1, 2002

**Harrison Chong - Captain**

Nov. 18, 1974 - Dec. 1, 2002

**Jack Denis - Captain**

Jan. 16, 1976 - Dec. 1, 2002

**Bobby Lancaster - Captain**

Feb. 1, 1973 - Dec. 1, 2002

**Frederick Tom - Captain**

Feb. 24, 1975 - Dec. 1, 2002

**Gary Yamaguchi - Captain**

Oct. 16, 1971 - Dec. 1, 2002



**MAHALO & ALOHA**